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Re: Historical Assessment, Rhode Island Public Schools Inventory

Dear Mr. da Silva:

I am writing in response to your inquiry of July 27, 2010 concerning the historical status of the existing public school buildings in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission staff has reviewed the inventory and completed a preliminary assessment of the individual schools utilizing the information in our files and conducting a limited amount of additional research. We have added this information to the statewide inventory list that you have provided. A copy of the inventory is attached.

The public schools in the statewide inventory have each been classified primarily in one of four categories: "NR listed"; "Considered NR eligible"; "Needs further evaluation"; and "Not historic." The terms are defined as follows.

NR listed refers to schools that are currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places individually or within a historic district. **SR listed** is a subcategory of schools listed on the Rhode Island Register of Historic Places but not currently on the National Register.

Considered NR eligible refers to schools that are not yet listed on the National Register but have been judged likely to meet the criteria for the National Register based on a reasonable amount of information. The schools in this category have been evaluated as significant for their associations with the history of municipal education and the growth and development of their respective communities.

Needs further evaluation refers to schools that may be eligible for the National Register, but more information is needed to determine their significance and/or integrity. This category has been used to classify most of the schools that were built in the late 1940s and 1950s and are now over fifty years of age, pending the development of a better context for evaluating the schools of the Post-World War II era.

Not Historic refers to buildings that are more than fifty years old but have lost historical integrity and schools that are less than fifty years of age and lack outstanding significance. Schools less than fifty years old may need to be reevaluated once they reach fifty years of age.

I also wish to note that in the case of the Lawn Street School in Jamestown, we have noted the high sensitivity of the school grounds for archaeological resources associated with an extensive pre-colonial Narragansett Indian burial ground.

These comments are provided in accordance with National and Rhode Island Historic Preservation Acts. If you have any questions on this inventory, please contact Richard E. Greenwood, Deputy Director of this office.

Very truly yours,



Edward F. Sanderson
Executive Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Attachment

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DISTRICT	CODE	SCHOOL NAME	SCHOOL LEVEL	BUILD DATE	COMMENTS
Barrington	1106	Barrington High School	Secondary	1951	Non historic; major addition
Barrington	1104	Nayatt School	PK-3	1954	Needs further evaluation
Barrington	1103	Primrose Hill School	PK-3	1954	Needs further evaluation
Barrington	1105	Hampden Meadows School	Elementary	1956	Needs further evaluation
Barrington	1109	Sowams Elementary School	PK-3/Elementary	1963	Not historic
Barrington	1108	Barrington Middle School	Middle	1967	Not historic
Beacon Charter School	39601	BEACON Charter School	Secondary	1900	NR listed - Stadium Theater
Blackstone Academy	26602	Blackstone Academy Charter School	Secondary	1965	Not historic
Bristol Warren	96105	Colt Andrews School	Elementary	1906	Both NR listed - Bristol Waterfront HD
Bristol Warren	96104	Guiteras School	Elementary	1927	Considered NR Eligible
Bristol Warren	96106	Rockwell School	PK-3/Elementary	1951	Needs further evaluation
Bristol Warren	96112	Kickernut Middle School	Middle	1957	Needs further evaluation
Bristol Warren	96107	Mt. Hope High School	Secondary	1966	Not historic
Bristol Warren	96113	Fugh Cole School	PK-3/Elementary	1968	Not historic
Burrillville	3107	William L. Callahan School	Elementary	1936	NR listed Harrisville HD
Burrillville	3108	Austin T. Levy School	Elementary	1958	Needs further evaluation
Burrillville	3109	Burrillville High School	Secondary	1966	Not historic
Burrillville	3104	Burrillville Middle School	Middle	1989	Not historic
Central Falls	2101	Ella Risk School	Elementary	1905	Demolished - Not historic
Central Falls	4108	Central Falls Senior High School	Secondary	1927	Considered NR Eligible
Central Falls	4105	Margaret L. Robertson School	Elementary	1927	Considered NR Eligible
Central Falls	4104	Capt. G. Harold Hunt School	PK-3/Elementary	1974	Not historic
Central Falls	4115	Dr. Earl F. Cicut Middle School	Elementary	1976	Not historic
Central Falls	4106	Veterans Memorial Elementary	Elementary	1990	Not historic
Charlton	98107	Hope Valley Elementary School	PK-3/Elementary	1935	Considered NR eligible
Charlton	98105	Richmond Elementary School	PK-3/Elementary	1935	Considered NR eligible
Charlton	98101	Charlton Regional High School	Secondary	1959	Needs further evaluation
Charlton	98106	Ashaway Elementary School	PK-3/Elementary	1968	Wooden school considered NR eligible; 1968 school non historic
Charlton	98104	Charlestown Elementary School	PK-3/Elementary	1976	Not historic
Charlton	98103	Charlton Regional Middle School	Middle	1990	Not historic
Coventry	6109	Western Coventry School	Elementary	1948	Needs further evaluation
Coventry	6104	Alan Shantz Feinstein Middle School Of Coventry	Middle	1948	Needs further evaluation
Coventry	6112	Hopkiss Hill School	PK-3/Elementary	1920	Not historic

Coventry	6121	Washington Oak School	PK-3/Elementary	1966	Not historic
Cranston	6117	Black Brook School	Elementary	1970	Not historic
Coventry	6116	Tigogne School	Elementary	1970	Not historic
Cranston	6119	Coventry High School	Secondary	1975	Not historic
Cranston	7112	Chester W. Barrows School	Elementary	1924	Considered NR Eligible
Cranston	7113	Cranston High School East	Secondary	1926	Considered NR Eligible
Cranston	7110	Daniel D. Waterman School	Elementary	1926	Considered NR Eligible
Cranston	7115	Hugh B. Bain Middle School	Middle	1929	Considered NR Eligible
Cranston	7117	Edward S. Rhodes School	Elementary	1930	Considered NR Eligible
Cranston	7116	William R. D'Autremple School	Elementary	1931	Considered NR Eligible
Cranston	7103	Oak Lawn School	PK-3/Elementary	1950	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7118	Eden Park School	Elementary	1951	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7119	Gladstone Street School	Elementary	1952	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7122	Garden City School	PK-3/Elementary	1953	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7121	Woodridge School	PK-3/Elementary	1953	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7123	Park View Middle School	Middle	1954	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7120	Stadium School	Elementary	1955	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7125	Arlington School	Elementary	1957	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7124	George J. Peters School	Elementary	1957	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7126	Cranston High School West	Secondary	1958	Needs further evaluation
Cranston	7127	Stone Hill School	Elementary	1962	Not historic
Cranston	7128	Glen Hills School	Elementary	1964	Not historic
Cranston	7130	Edgewood Highland School	PK-3/Elementary	1970	Not historic
Cranston	7129	Western Hills Middle School	Middle	1970	Not historic
Cranston	7135	NEL/CPS Construction Career Academy	Secondary	1975	Not historic
Cranston	7134	Hope Highlands Elementary School	Elementary	1991	Not historic
Cranston	7136	Orchard Farms Elementary School	Elementary	2002	Not historic
Cumberland	8107	B.F. Norton Elementary School	Elementary	1889	Noteigible
Cumberland	8121	Cumberland Preschool Center at B.F. Norton School	PK Only	1889	Not eligible
Cumberland	8109	Community School	Elementary	1924	Further evaluation needed
Cumberland	8108	Garvin Memorial School	Elementary	1930	Considered NR Eligible
Cumberland	8110	John J. McLaughlin Cumberland Hill School	Elementary	1955	Needs further evaluation
Cumberland	8112	Ashton School	Elementary	1959	Needs further evaluation
Cumberland	8114	Cumberland High School	Secondary	1961	Not historic
Cumberland	8115	Joseph L. McCourt Middle School	Middle	1969	Not historic

Cumberland D/P Blackstone Valley Academy	8116	North Cumberland Middle School Democracy Prep Blackstone Valley Academy	Middle	1971	Not historic
Davies Career and Tech.	8601	Wm. N. Davies Jr. Career Technical Academy	Elementary	2008	Not historic
East Greenwich	9105	Frenchtown School	Elementary	1927	Further evaluation needed
East Greenwich	9102	James H. Eldridge El. School	Elementary	1927	Considered NR Eligible
East Greenwich	9103	Archie R. Cole Middle School	Middle	1955	Demolished, Not historic
East Greenwich	9108	George Halafford School	Elementary	1958	Needs further evaluation
East Greenwich	9106	East Greenwich High School	Secondary	1965	Not historic
East Greenwich	9107	Meadowbrook Farms School	Elementary	1969	Not historic
East Providence	10113	Kent Heights School	Elementary	1926	Non-historic
East Providence	10112	East Providence High School	Secondary	1952	Needs further evaluation
East Providence	10111	James R. D. Oldham School	Elementary	1952	Needs further evaluation
East Providence	10114	Alice M. Waddington School	Elementary	1954	Needs further evaluation
East Providence	10116	Agnes B. Hennessy School	Elementary	1957	Needs further evaluation
East Providence	10117	Emma G. Whiteknact School	Elementary	1958	Needs further evaluation
East Providence	10121	Meadowcrest Early Childhood Family Center	PK Only	1964	Not historic
East Providence	10122	Riverside Middle School	Middle	1966	Not historic
East Providence	10123	Silver Spring School	Elementary	1969	Not historic
East Providence	10124	Orlo Avenue School	Elementary	1971	Not historic
East Providence	10109	Edward R. Martin Middle School	Middle	1977	Not historic
East Providence	10125	Myron J. Francis Elementary School	Elementary	1989	Not historic
Exeter-West Greenwich	97102	Mildred E. Lineham School	PK-3/Elementary	1951	Needs further evaluation
Exeter-West Greenwich	97101	Wawalanc School	Elementary	1952	Not historic, major addition
Exeter-West Greenwich	97103	Metcalf School	Elementary	1967	Not historic
Exeter-West Greenwich	97105	Exeter-West Greenwich Regional Junior High	Middle	1990	Not historic
Exeter-West Greenwich	97106	Exeter-West Greenwich Regional High School	Secondary	1990	Not historic
Foster-Gloucester	12101	Captain Isaac Paine Elementary School	Elementary	1953	Needs further evaluation
Foster-Gloucester	99101	Ponaganset Middle School	Middle	1960	Not historic
Foster-Gloucester	99102	Ponaganset High School	Secondary	1966	Not historic
Glocester	13103	Fogarty Memorial School	Elementary	1976	Not historic
Glocester	13104	West Gloucester Elementary	PK-3/Elementary	1991	Not historic
Hegnander- International Charter	28601	Highlander Charter School	Elementary	1910	SR Listed - Hegnander Building ICB
Jamestown	26601	International Charter School	Elementary	1965	Not historic Building needs further evaluation. School is located within a large unbounded Indian burial ground and grounds are highly
Jamestown	15101	Jamestown School/Lawn	Elementary	1955	

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Jamestown	15102	Jamestown School-Melrose	PK-3/Elementary	1986	Not historic
Johnston	16103	Thornton School	Elementary	1921	Considered NR Eligible
Johnston	16109	Windsor Hill School	Elementary	1921 ²	Further evaluation needed
Johnston	16106	Brown Avenue School	Elementary	1934	Further evaluation needed
Johnston	16108	Sarah Dyer Barnes School	Elementary	1953	Needs further evaluation of alterations
Johnston	16111	Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School	Middle	1960	Not Historic
Johnston Learning Community	16112	Johnston Senior High School The Learning Community Charter School	Secondary	1967	Not historic
Lincoln	17106	Lonsdale Elementary School	Elementary	1976	Not historic
Lincoln Lincoln	17102	Fairlawn Elementary	PK-3/Elementary	1959	Needs further evaluation
Lincoln Lincoln	17109	Lincoln Central Elementary School	Elementary	1964	Not historic
Lincoln	17110	Lincoln Senior High School	Secondary	1964	Not historic
Lincoln Lincoln	17113	Northern Lincoln Elementary School	PK-3/Elementary	1971	Not historic
Lincoln Lincoln	17112	Saylesville Elementary School	Elementary	1971	Not historic
Lincoln	17117	Lincoln Middle School	Middle	2006	Not historic
Little Compton	18101	Wilbur and McMahon Schools	Elementary	1929	NR listed - Little Compton Common HD
Middletown	19106	Aquidneck School	PK-3/Elementary	1954	Needs further evaluation
Middletown	19111	Middletown High School	Secondary	1961	Not historic
Middletown	19117	Joseph H. Gaudet Learning Academy	Elementary	1968	Not historic
Middletown	19114	Joseph H. Gaudet School	Elementary	1968	Not historic
Narragansett	20102	Narragansett Elementary School	PK-3/Elementary	1959	Needs further evaluation
Narragansett	20104	Narragansett High School	Secondary	1975	Not historic
Narragansett	20103	Narragansett Pier School	Middle	1990	Not historic
New Shoreham	22101	Block Island School	Elementary/Secondary	1933	Considered NR Eligible
Newport	21102	Cranston-Cavert School	Elementary	1876	NR listed - Kay Catherine Old Beach Rd. HD
Newport	21112	Coggeshall School	Elementary	1897	Considered NR Eligible 158 Van Zandt Avenue
Newport	21106	Frank E. Thompson Middle School	Middle	1903	NR listed - Newport HD
Newport	21110	Dr. M. H. Sullivan School	PK-3/Elementary	1955	Needs further evaluation
Newport	21111	Rogers High School	Secondary	1957	Needs further evaluation
Newport	21114	William Underwood School	Elementary	1962	Not historic
North Kingstown	23105	Wickford Middle School	Middle	1932	NR listed Wickford HD
North Kingstown	23107	Davisville Elementary School	Elementary	1954	Needs further evaluation
North Kingstown	23109	Fishing Cove Elementary School	PK-3/Elementary	1957	Needs further evaluation
North Kingstown	23108	North Kingstown Senior High School	Secondary	1959	Needs further evaluation

North Kingstown	23110	Forest Park Elementary School	Elementary	1962	Not historic
North Kingstown	23111	Hamilton Elementary School	Elementary	1962	Not historic
North Kingstown	23112	Davisville Middle School	Middle	1967	Not historic
North Kingstown	23114	Stony Lane Elementary School	Elementary	1971	Not historic
North Kingstown	23113	Suzanne M. Henseler Quiddesett Elementary School	Elementary	1971	Not historic
North Providence	24107	James L. McGuire School	Elementary	1980	Considered NR Eligible SS Central Ave
North Providence	24103	Mariaville Elementary School	Elementary	1900	Considered NR Eligible
North Providence	24105	North Providence High School	Secondary	1915 By 1939,	Considered NR Eligible
North Providence	24106	Stephen Olney School	Elementary	1927	Considered NR Eligible
North Providence	24108	Dr. Joseph A. Whelan Elementary School	Elementary	1953	Needs further evaluation
North Providence	24109	Centredale School	PK-3/Elementary	1962	Not historic
North Providence	24112	Birchwood Middle School	Middle	1966	Not historic
North Providence	24111	Dr. Edward A. Ricci Middle School	Middle	1966	Not historic
North Providence	24110	Greystone School	Elementary	1966	Not historic
North Smithfield	25109	North Smithfield Middle School	Middle	1926	Non-historic
North Smithfield	25106	Dr. Harry L. Halliwell Memorial School	Elementary	1957	Needs further evaluation
North Smithfield	25108	North Smithfield High School	Secondary	1967	Not historic
North Smithfield	25110	North Smithfield Elementary School	PK-3/Elementary	1989	Not historic
Paul Cuffee Charter Sch	28602	Paul Cuffee Charter School	Elementary	1935	SR Listed - AT&T Building, CBD
Pawtucket	26106	Samuel Slater Junior High School	Middle	1915	Considered NR eligible
Pawtucket	26111	Nathaniel Greene School	PK-3/Elementary	1918	Considered NR Eligible
Pawtucket	26110	Potter-Burns School	Elementary	1919	Considered NR Eligible
Pawtucket	26105	William E. Tolman Senior High School	Secondary	1927	NR listed - Exchange Street HD
Pawtucket	26107	Goff Junior High School	Middle	1931	Considered NR Eligible
Pawtucket	26118	Shea Senior High School	Secondary	1940	Considered NR eligible
Pawtucket	26113	Fallon Memorial School	Elementary	1949	Nonhistoric, major addition
Pawtucket	26115	Flora S. Curtis Memorial School	Elementary	1956	Needs further evaluation
Pawtucket	26119	Henry J. Winters School	Elementary	1961	Not historic
Pawtucket	26120	Elizabeth Baldwin School	Elementary	1963	Not historic
Pawtucket	26121	M. Virginia Cunningham School	Elementary	1965	Not historic
Pawtucket	26122	Agnes E. Little School	Elementary	1967	Not historic
Pawtucket	26125	Francis J. Variour School	Elementary	1971	Not historic
Pawtucket	26116	Curvin-McCabe School	Elementary	1977	Not historic
Pawtucket	26103	Joseph Enz Junior High School	Middle	1977	Not historic
Pawtucket	26109	Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts	Secondary	2004	NR listed - Exchange Street HD